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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 890,000 head as of August 1, 2010. The latest inventory was up 5 percent from last year's inventory but down 3 percent from the July 1, 2010 inventory of 920,000 head. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 165,000 head of fed cattle during July 2010. This represents a 3 percent decrease from last month's marketings and an 8 percent decrease from the marketings a year ago. An estimated 140,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during July, up 12 percent from last month and last year. Of the number placed in July, 11 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 14 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 29 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 46 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for July was at 5,000 head, the same as last month and last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.9 million head on August 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.75 million, 6 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415,000, 600-699 pounds were 305,000, 700-799 pounds were 449,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.90 million, 2 percent below 2009. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 48,000 during July, 12 percent above 2009.